(d) whether the MCI officials were planning to put the names and photographs of all faculty members of Government colleges in a website to prevent manipulations; and

(e) if so, the progress achieved, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India has informed that they have not conducted any such inspection during the last one year.

(d) to (f) As per Medical Council of India the name of the teachers working in a particular colleges which have been inspected by the MCI are put on the website soon after decision of the Executive Committee is sent to Govt. The names of the teachers who have claimed employment in more than one medical college at the same time and against whom the action has been taken by the Council are also put on the website from time to time.

HIV infected children

3456. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that studies in 2001 revealed that 30 percent of children born to HIV positive mothers also suffered from it;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to introduce Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) facilities in all the 23000 Primary Health Centers in the country; and

(c) how far the role played by voluntary counseling and testing centre In India has resulted in non-effecting of the children from HIV positive mothers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Currently, 377 Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) centres are functioning in the country and of them, 307 are functioning in the high prevalence States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu and 70 in other States as on September, 2005. NACO proposes to expand the PPTCT services upto

CHCs and 24 hour PHCs under National AIDS Control Programme, Phase-Ill which is to start from year 2006-07

(c) A total of 32.95 lac during 2003 to Sept. 2005 HIV positive pregnant women have been counseled and 19.80 lac (60.29% of counseled) have been tested for HIV status. Among the tested, 22,926 (1.15%) pregnant women were found to be HIV positive. 9739 (42.48%) HIV positive mother and baby have been given a Nevirapine prophylaxis. It is estimated that HIV prevalence among the babies may have been reduced from 30% to a level of 13%.

Long wait for heart surgery

†3457. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heart patients have to wait for ten to twelve months for their surgery in Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government are taking to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such waiting time for heart surgery in Central Government Hospitals including AIIMS, New Delhi.

However, pre surgical requirement like various investigations, fitness of the patients to undergo surgery and arrangements of finance/blood by the relatives of the patients may take some time.

(c) Improvement in Medical Services in various Central Government Hospital is a continuous and on going process.

Mushrooming of pathology labs

†3458. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pathology laboratories have mushroomed in India during the last five years;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.